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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:ESTC, UK

SUBJECT: MEMBRAIN LTD., POOLE, DORSET

1. RELIABLE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES EXPORTED BY GENERAL AUTOMATION INC., ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, TO THEIR SUBSIDIARY IN ENGLAND, GENERAL AUTOMATION LTD., VICTORIA ROAD, BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX, WERE DELIVERED TO MCMILLAN'S AIR-SEA FREIGHT SERVICE AT HEATHROW AIRPORT AND WAS THEN RESOLD TO THE SUBJECT FIRM ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 4, 1976 WHO EXPORTED IT DIRECTLY TO METRIMPIEX IN HUNGARY.

2. THE EXPORTATION FROM THE U.S. WAS MADE UNDER A GENERAL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE AND ACCORDINGLY NO BRITISH IC WAS REQUESTED. NO REEXPORT AUTHORIZATION FROM ENGLAND TO HUNGARY WAS REQUESTED. THE MERCHANDISE IN QUESTION  
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IS UNDER COCOM CONTROL AND IS UNDER OUR COMMODITY NO. 714(3)A, PROCESSING CODE 621.

3. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ADDITIONAL EXPORTATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY MEMBRAIN EITHER FOR EXHIBITION OR DIRECT SALE.

ACTION REQUESTED

4. PLEASE CONTACT GENERAL AUTOMATION LTD. AT VICTORIA ROAD, BURGESS HILL SUSSEX RH15 9LW IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER MERCHANDISE THEY MAY HAVE SOLD TO MEMBRAN AND IF THE FIRM WAS AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENT TO REQUEST RE-EXPORT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE USG IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH SHIPMENTS. SUGGEST ALSO CONTACT BE MADE WITH CLIVE A. DAVIS, MANAGER OF MEMBRAN, FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHAT OTHER STRATEGIC COMMODITIES MAY HAVE BEEN RE-EXPORTED WITHOUT U.S. OR UK PERMISSION.

5. PLEASE NOTE WTDR FORWARDED BY LONDON 007002 OF JANUARY 15, 1976 RE: MEMBRAN LTD.  
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